

IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicant: **Cardoso** Case: **CRUZ/002**  
Serial No.: **10/840,136** Filed: **May 6, 2004**  
Examiner: **Nathaniel C. Chukwurah** Group Art Unit: **3721**  
Confirmation No.: **7257**

**TITLE: LEAD ALIGNMENT ATTACHMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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SIR:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312**

Please enter this amendment and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees, including extension of time fees, and any other fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.